

Committee on Banking and Insurance

CS/CS/HB 837 — Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program

by Infrastructure and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Insurance and Banking Subcommittee; and Rep. Willhite (CS/CS/CS/SB 578 by Appropriations Committee; Community Affairs Committee; Banking and Insurance Committee; and Senator Hooper)

The bill extends the Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program (HLMP) within Florida's Division of Emergency Management (DEM) until June 30, 2032. The HLMP operations are funded through an annual appropriation of \$10 million from Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund to DEM. The bill expands the type of projects eligible for the Shelter Retrofit Program within the HLMP for retrofitting existing public facilities used as hurricane shelters to include construction of new public facilities to be used as hurricane shelters.

The bill also transfers administration of the Mobile Home Mitigation and Enhancement Program within the HLMP from Tallahassee Community College to Gulf Coast State College.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2022.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 117-0